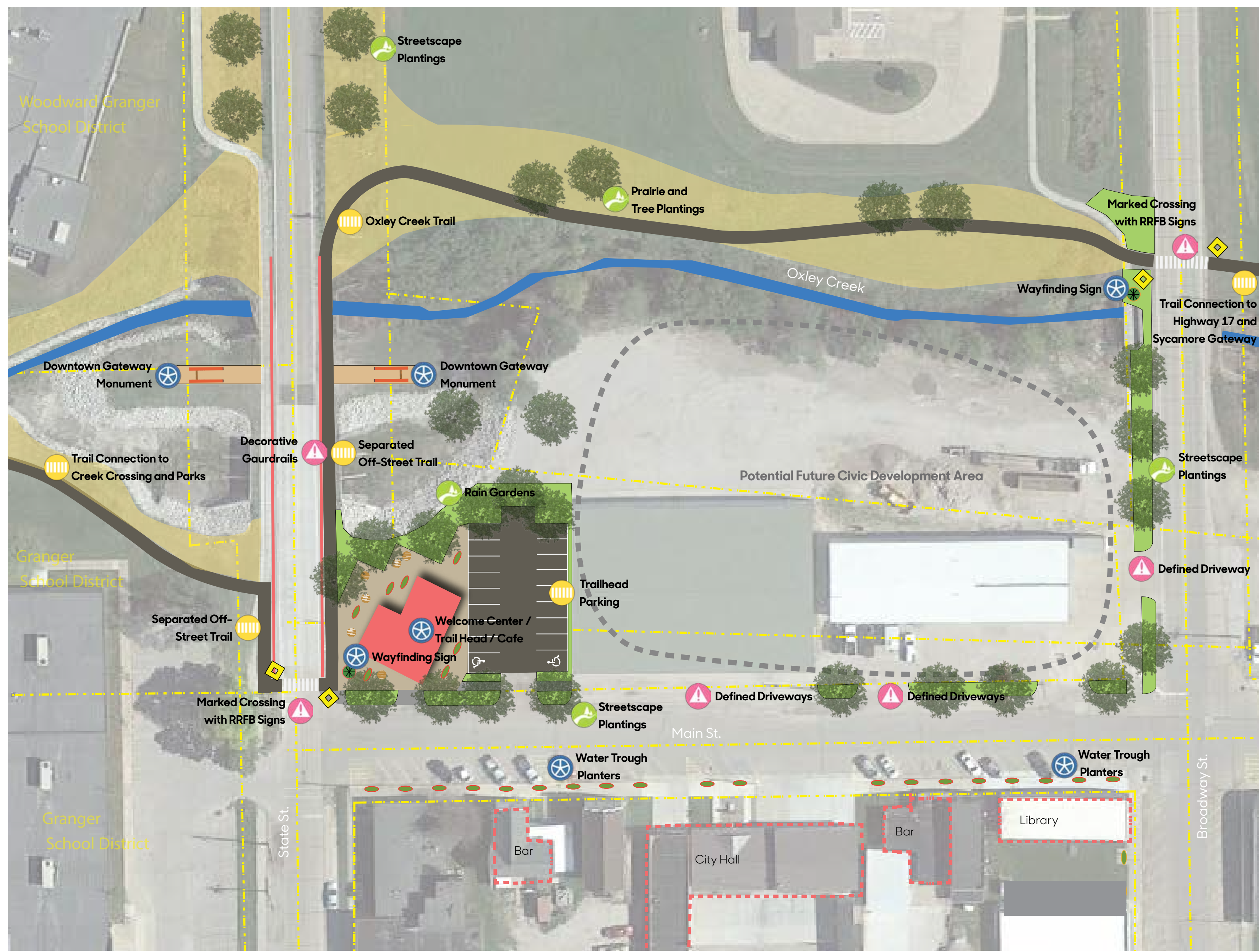


Downtown Gateway Monuments



Downtown Gateway + Streetscape Plan



Redefining Downtown

The Granger Community Visioning committee has identified a range of projects that can improve aesthetics, connectivity and access, and enhance community identity downtown. New street trees and prairie plantings are proposed for both beautification and traffic calming along Highway 17 and State Street to the creek, where two large "wheel" monuments become an iconic focal point. The proposed multipurpose local trail is routed along Oxley Creek, crosses the creek within the existing right-of-way of the road bridge, and includes a marked crossing at State Street with pedestrian sign and push button-activated RRFBs. This intersection becomes the primary trail node at the heart of Granger, providing access to downtown businesses and cultural amenities for both residents and regional trail users. Taking this idea further, the existing building and parking area at this corner (currently privately-owned) are re-envisioned as a regional trailhead and welcome center for visitors. This facility could include a cafe or brew pub with indoor and outdoor seating, Granger historical exhibits or other tourist information, and multidirectional wayfinding signage to direct visitors to local and regional destinations. Rain gardens buffer this development along the creek, creating a welcoming oasis and rendezvous point for locals and visitors alike.



Monument Perspective Monument Perspective Downtown Gateway Trail Perspective

To enhance the street crossing over Oxley Creek as a downtown focal point, two gateway monuments are proposed to flank State Street. These playful sculptural monuments suggest the arc of a spoked wheel over the roadway, referencing the train and circus wagon wheels of the city's past, and marking the community as a hub for regional cycling. The steel structures will be accessible from the existing sidewalk on the north and proposed multipurpose trail on the south of edge of State Street. They can also serve as rest areas along the trail system with integrated seating, gravel surfacing, bike racks, and signage. Large in scale and painted an eye-catching, signature red color, the downtown gateway monuments will be visible to both directions of travel along State Street and further up the hill on NW 110th Ave, and will become a landmark for commuters that draws visitors into downtown Granger. Decorative guardrails to match the monuments are included to separate street and trail/sidewalk traffic through this corridor.



Downtown Streetscape Perspective

To enhance Main Street, simple planting containers made from repurposed animal watering troughs can be filled with flowering annuals and set along the existing parking to add seasonal color and soften the sidewalk where there is not room for permanent plantings. These large modular planters could be moved into the street and used as traffic barricades during Granger Days or other festivals. New curb, sidewalks, driveways, street trees, and boulevard plantings are proposed along the east side of Main Street to create a more urban edge condition that delineates driveway access and helps to dress up the large metal buildings along this downtown corridor. The committee has also identified this as a prime location for future municipal development, such as a new library or expanded city hall, to embrace Oxley Creek as a public green space in downtown Granger.

Performance Icons

- Connectivity + Access**
- Safety**
- Identity + History**
- Ecology**



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